

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 02HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM

## **SUBJECT**

Authorization to Accept Grant and Enter into Contract with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds (HHSP) for \$458,127.00, Authorize the Execution of SubGrant Agreement with Housing Authority of the City of Fort Worth DBA Fort Worth Housing Solutions to Provide Rental Assistance, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Adopt Resolution (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of grant and the entering into contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services funds for \$458,127.00;
  2. Authorize the execution of contract with Fort Worth Housing Solutions to provide rental assistance to at least 60 permanent supportive housing clients;
  3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grant Operating State Fund in the amount of \$458,127.00 upon notification of award; and
  4. Adopt the attached Resolution.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The State of Texas provides grant funding for the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to nine municipalities with a population of 285,500 or greater, including the City of Fort Worth.

The HHSP funds may be used to provide rental assistance, case management and other services or housing options to reduce homelessness. The HHSP grant funds are currently used by Fort Worth Housing Solutions to provide rental assistance to 60 persons for permanent supportive housing annually.

The State of Texas allows municipalities to designate a sub-recipient for TDHCA to contract with on behalf of the recipient of HHSP funds. In the past, the City of Fort Worth designated the United Way of Tarrant County to be the recipient of the grant. The United Way has requested to be removed as the City of Fort Worth's sub-recipient due to capacity.

The City's Directions unit will administer the HHSP funds and monitor the sub-recipient, Fort Worth Housing Solutions. The sub-recipient will continue to support the 60 permanent supportive housing clients. As clients gain self-sufficiency, this grant will enable more people currently experiencing homelessness to be housed. The subgrant agreement will be from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

An assistant city manager is authorized to execute contract.

If accepted, grant will begin on September 1, 2019.

A Form 1295 is not required for this contract because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: TDHCA

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that, upon acceptance of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant funding and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grant Operating State Fund, as appropriated.

This is a reimbursement grant. The Directions Home unit will be responsible for the verification and submission of documents for these funds. Prior to expenditure being made, the Directions Home unit has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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